STATE OF NEW YORK

LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY BUFFALO, N.Y., FEBRUARY 2, 2023 A.D.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County held in the Old County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 2nd day of February 2023 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:

Honoring Holland Sno-Rascals Snowmobile Club for Their Heroic Efforts During the 2022 Buffalo Blizzard

WHEREAS. the Erie County Legislature is pleased to honor individuals and institutions in our community who enhance the quality of life for their family, friends, and neighbors through their conscientious and selfless service; and

WHEREAS, a deadly winter storm unleashed a fierce blizzard that swept through Erie County over Christmas weekend, burying the City of Buffalo and surrounding suburbs in over fifty-two inches of snow, leaving roadways impassable, stranding people in cars, forcing hundreds of vehicles to be abandoned on roads and highways, and tragically resulting in the loss of more than forty lives; and

WHEREAS, when the dangerous storm conditions made it impossible for emergency vehicles to respond and caused as much as two-thirds of the snow-clearing equipment to be unavailable for service at the height of the storm, the WNY Federation of Snowmobile Clubs sprang into action, including members of the Holland Sno-Rascals; and

WHEREAS, in the face of blowing snow, tropical storm force winds, and freezing temperatures, the Holland Sno-Rascals members used snowmobiles to rescue stranded motorists, transport EMS and police to emergency calls, and check stuck vehicles to ensure no one was trapped inside; and

WHEREAS, in spite of the severe challenges and extreme conditions presented by this deadly blizzard, the members of the **Holland Sno-Rascals** placed themselves in harm's way, braved whiteout conditions and subzero windchills, and performed heroically to rescue people who were in great danger during the storm.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Erie County Legislature pauses in its deliberations to honor and recognize the members of the **Holland Sno-Rascals** who left the comfort and safety of their homes and families to come to the aid of their community in a time of great need, making a significant difference in many people's lives.